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SUBJ: SENATE LEADER SEES HOPE FOR RESOLVING BRACERO PROBLEM

1. SENATOR ENRIQUE OLIVARES SANTANA (AGUASCALIENTES), CHAIRMAN OF SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES YESTERDAY THAT THERE WERE HOPEFUL SIGNS OF SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING TOWARD MEXICAN MIGRANT WORKERS, BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL, WITHIN LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF USG.

2. REPORTING TO SENATE ON HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST MAY AS MEMBER OF MEXICAN INTER-PARLIAMETARY DELEGATION, OLIVARES SANTANA CONCEDED HE FOUND RESISTANCE WITHIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH TOWARD WORKING OUT SOLUTION WITH MEXICO ON THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE SAID, HE FOUND IN CONGRESS A MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE AND A WILLINGNESS TO FACE THE HUMAN DIMENSION OF THE PROBLEM, REGARDLESS OF TECHNICAL OR LEGAL STATUS OF MIGRANT WORKERS. QUOTED SENATOR HUMPHREY AS SAYING "MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS HOW HUMAN RIGHTS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING TREATED" AND SAID HUMPHREY FAVORED ESTABLISHING A JOINT US-MEXICAN COMMISSION TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

3. ON BALANCE, OLIVARES SAID, HE FOUND US CONGRESSMEN TENDED TO SHARE MEXICAN VIEWPOINT THAT (A) MIGRATION PROBLEM IS A REALITY INHERENT IN GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION;  
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(B) THAT IT SHOULD BE FACED AS A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY OF

THE TWO COUNTRIES; (C) THAT IT IS URGENT AND REQUIRES IMMEDIATE SOLUTION; AND (D) THAT STUDY OF THE PROBLEM BY RESPECTIVE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD BE SPEEDED UP. ENDORSING HUMPHREY'S MIXED COMMISSION PROPOSAL, OLIVARES SUGGESTED THAT SUCH COMMISSION SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: EMPLOYERS, MIGRATORY WORKERS, LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FROM BOTH SIDES, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. GOALS SHOULD BE A FORMULA WHICH WOULD PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRATORY WORKERS, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL.

4. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS OF SENATE SESSION MAKE NO MENTION OF ANY SPECIFIC REFERENCE BY OLIVARES SANTANA TO CURRENT GOM PRESSURE FOR NEW BILATERAL BRACERO AGREEMENT, SUGGESTING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH US LAWMAKERS MAY HAVE PERSUADED HIM THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR A NEW BRACERO PROGRAM WERE REMOTE AND THAT ANY EVENTUAL SOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO EVOLVE IN CONTEXT OF IMPROVED CONDITIONS AMONG US MIGRANT WORKERS GENERALLY AS WELL AS IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT PICTURE. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE DISMAYED THAT OLIVARES EVIDENTLY SO UNINFORMED AS TO BELIEVE CRAMTON COMMISSION (PARA 3.D, ABOVE) HAS NOT YET COMPLETED ITS WORK.  
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